

# Cornerstone



## Random Act Of Kindness Day®

### Saskatoon's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Random Act of Kindness Day!

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, the Saskatoon Community Foundation launched Random Act of Kindness Day. This nationally recognized day celebrates the goodness of humanity in 10 Canadian cities!

Businesses, charities, and individuals were encouraged to get involved and spread a little kindness around our city. Random Act of Kindness Day is not a fundraiser. It's about touching the lives of friends, family, clients, customers, staff and even strangers with small acts of kindness.

Kindness is free, easy and fun. Whether you call your mom, get donuts for the office, compliment someone, say job well done, shovel some snow or hold an elevator, it's about the human touches that make life better for everyone. Anyone can offer kindness to another, and anyone can be a recipient of an act of kindness.

Our small but enthusiastic army of volunteers included staff, board, and kind citizens of Saskatoon. We set out for various locations, including Midtown, Circle Park and Lawson Heights Malls, handing out 'pay it forward cards,' mittens, flowers and other items to random people. Thanks to help from our incredible media partners, citizens were encouraged to share their acts of kindness on the RAK Day facebook page ([facebook.com/RAKSaskatoon](https://www.facebook.com/RAKSaskatoon)), which grew to over 540 followers. The event got a very positive response. It was a fun and heartwarming day to share the spirit of our community and humanity, and we look forward to Random Act of Kindness Day 2014!



## Leadership Saskatoon: Building Community Capacity

Leadership Saskatoon was founded in 2000 in partnership with the Saskatoon Community Foundation, University of Saskatchewan and Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the program provides leadership development emphasizing community leadership for 25-30 participants.

Leadership Saskatoon develops collaborative leaders able to engage others in working together in all sectors to build an inclusive community.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation provides support to allow candidates from charitable organizations to enter the program. This strategy not only helps the organization where the person is employed to improve its effectiveness, but also builds strength across the sector through collaboration. Leadership Saskatoon graduates develop the skills and knowledge to significantly improve our community through both their leadership within their employer organization as well as their volunteer activities in the community.

Through the development of these community leaders each year, the Saskatoon community realizes long-term benefits, enhancing the participants' current and future involvement in community leadership. Graduates are better equipped to engage in complex leadership roles in their organization and in the community.

## Leadership Saskatoon Award: YWCA's Michelle Busa



Michelle Busa works as the Community Development and Facilities Coordinator, Fitness on 25<sup>th</sup> for the Saskatoon YWCA. She began working for YWCA in 2003 as the Aquatics Coordinator. As time went on, she found that she enjoyed working with community partners, as well as the challenge of creating and evaluating programs. Eventually, the scope of her work grew to include the community development aspects of the Fitness on 25<sup>th</sup> facility. Because the facility serves a variety of demographics, Michelle is always on the lookout for new grants and other funding opportunities that can keep the programming of the facility sustainable and accessible to all.

Michelle views leadership as a lifelong journey in which one is always looking for opportunities to grow and to encourage others to do the same. By participating in the Leadership Saskatoon program, she hopes to learn skills that will help her to grow as a leader, and to take them back to her workplace as she continues to contribute to her community. She hopes to inspire people and bring out the best in them as they collaborate to achieve shared goals.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation congratulates Michelle on being the recipient of the 2013 Leadership Saskatoon Award, and thanks her for her ongoing contributions to making Saskatoon the best community in which to live. Her participation in the program will be supported by a grant from the Saskatoon Community Foundation.

## CMHA Mental Health First Aid Training

Even in our socially aware modern society, people living with mental illnesses are very likely to be stigmatized and marginalized due to people's fear and lack of knowledge about the conditions. This fear can cause a powerful aversion to intervening on someone's behalf during a mental health crisis.

The Canadian Mental Health Association offers "Mental Health First Aid Training" to all sectors of the community to help participants better understand mental illness, feel confident in providing assistance when they can see that a person is in a crisis situation, and know how to best approach people in crisis. The 12 hour course is designed to help people recognize signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis, minimize harm and preserve life. Often, the recipients of this training are police, EMTs, and community mental health nurses, but the training is designed for everyone, and can be equally useful to lay people. As well, more businesses are interested in having their EAP and HR staff receive the training.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation's funding allows CMHA to offer the training to more candidates from charitable organizations, many of whom will encounter people living with mental illness as a natural consequence of the services they provide to the community. Over 100 people have received the training so far.

Mental illness will affect 1 in 3 people at some point in their lives. With more knowledge and compassion, our community can ensure that they can be safe and receive the help they need to live well.



## Mahoney Institute of the Family

Named after the late Bishop of Saskatoon, the Bishop James P. Mahoney Institute of the Family makes grants that promote stronger family life by empowering family members, fortifying relationships, and enhancing skills in such areas as parenting and conflict resolution. In 2013, the fund has made the following grants to local charities:

Organization Name	Project Name	Grant
Columbus Bosco Homes	Columbus Bosco Homes Parent and Tot Program	\$5,000.00
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation	Parental Engagement at St. Maria Goretti Community School	\$2,000.00
Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan	Yearly ongoing programs to support individuals with Alzheimer Disease and their families	\$1,500.00
Saskatoon Society for the Protection of Children	Saskatoon Crisis Nursery Nutrition Program	\$2,000.00
Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon	Billboard Campaign - Canadian Catholic Week of Life and Family	\$4,057.50
READ Saskatoon	Alphabet Soup in Motion	\$1,667.00
Rock the Mount	Rock The Mount	\$2,000.00
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living	The SACL Moms' Weekend Retreat	\$1,500.00
YMCA of Saskatoon	YMCA Summer Day Camp Inclusion Program	\$1,000.00
ABC Family Centre Inc	ABC Family Centre Inc - Programming	\$1,000.00
Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre	Immigrant Women in a Foreign Land	\$1,500.00

## Cameco Caring Community



The Cameco Caring Community Grants program grants to local charities to achieve 3 objectives:

- to focus on building a healthy community for tomorrow by offering opportunities today;
- to focus on building community strengths and assets by mobilizing civic participation and resources; and
- to support initiatives that promote self-reliance, develop leadership skills, and emphasize prevention.

In 2013, the Cameco Caring Community Grants program made the following grants:

Organization Name	Project Name	Grant
Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming Inc.	Extended Drop-In and Summer Art Project	\$2,500.00
Columbus Bosco Homes	Columbus Bosco Homes Parent and Tot Program	\$3,500.00
Saskatoon Society for the Protection of Children	Saskatoon Crisis Nursery Nutrition Program	\$3,000.00
READ Saskatoon	Family Learning Olympics	\$5,000.00
Leadership Saskatoon	Leadership Saskatoon 2013-2014	\$3,500.00
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation, St. Mary Community School	St. Mary's Summer Camp	\$2,500.00
CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.)	Walk in Advocacy Clinic - Summer Project	\$5,000.00
Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre	Milk For Children	\$5,000.00
SCI-FI Science Camps	Girl Power	\$2,000.00
Canadian Diabetes Association	Fall Family Camp	\$2,500.00
The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan	Clothes Working For U	\$3,500.00
Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Team	P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth)	\$2,500.00
International Women of Saskatoon	ActiveGray: A Program for New Canadian Seniors	\$4,500.00

## Youth Advisory Council's Oksana Kishchuk wins Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award

The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to extend its congratulations and gratitude to one of its youngest volunteers! Oksana Kishchuk has been a member of our Youth Advisory Council since she was 13 years old. Now 17, Oksana is a veteran of fundraising. For the last three years, she has been raising funds for Free the Children in order to build a school in Kenya. At this year's National Philanthropy Day celebrations on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Oksana won an "Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy" award in the 13 to 18 year old category! We are sure that her dedication and leadership will continue to inspire us, bringing positive change to the world and to our community in the years to come.



## BHP Billiton Capacity Building Grants Program

The Saskatoon Community Foundation is committed to building a Smart and Caring Community in Saskatoon. To promote strong organizations and guarantee continuity of high quality services, all charities need to be proactive about building their internal capacity to deliver their programs. Whether this means staff and board training, strategic planning, policy development, or volunteer development and management, organizations must constantly seek to improve their capacity. The challenge is that charities are often reluctant to spend resources on these vital processes, because programming and service delivery for their clients almost always tend to come first. However, successful capacity building strengthens a charity's ability to fulfill its mission and leads to improved service delivery and effectiveness.

In partnership, the Saskatoon Community Foundation and BHP Billiton will provide funding for capacity building projects for local charities. Because these funds are specifically for capacity building, charities will not be forced to choose between capacity building and core programs. BHP Billiton's commitment of \$25,000.00 for this program in 2013 is part of its ongoing support of our Saskatoon community.

## Charity Sustainability Program

The Charity Sustainability Program assists charities wishing to begin a permanent endowment at the Saskatoon Community Foundation by matching the charity's contribution of \$10,000.00 with another \$10,000.00 from SCF, creating a permanent endowment of \$20,000.00. Applicants can contribute unlimited monies to their funds now and in the future, but for the purposes of this program, we are asking for a minimum contribution of \$10,000.00, which we will match with \$10,000.00. Once the monies have been donated to SCF, they will form a permanently endowed "Agency Fund."

Because the Charity Sustainability Program is intended to promote endowment building among Saskatoon charities, preference will be given to charities with no previously existing agency fund. Applications from charities wishing to grow their current agency funds will be considered, but only after applications from charities wishing to create new funds.

The main criterion for a successful application to this program is the charity's plans for building its endowment in the future. The Saskatoon Community Foundation's philosophy is that permanent endowments will strengthen charities and our community. Consequently, future plans for your fund will factor significantly in the assessment of your application. The Saskatoon Community Foundation plans to make 5 matches in 2013!

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## Graham Construction Makes Gift Via Saskatoon Community Foundation

At its Client Appreciation Night on October 17, 2013, Graham Construction presented a cheque for \$30,000.00 to the Saskatoon Community Foundation, to be flowed through to Saskatoon United Way for its 2013 campaign. Well done, Graham Construction!





## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala: "Go Big and Come Home"

Over the previous six years, the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala has raised over 2 million dollars that will continue to benefit the people of Saskatoon FOREVER!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural gala was held on September 21, 2013 at TCU Place.

The theme of "Go Big and Come Home" celebrated the growing impact Saskatoon and Saskatchewan have on the world at large. The five courses of the meal were themed to reflect the cultures of Saskatchewan's five largest global trading partners: Brazil, India, China, the United States, and Mexico. (Did you know that all the phosphoric acid in all the Coca-Cola made in North America is produced by PotashCorp? Did you know that all the oats used to make all the Cheerios in the world are grown in Saskatchewan?)

The entertainment for the evening included performances by the Fireside Singers, Buffalo Boy Productions, Anastasia Winterhalt, and Boyan on Tour. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the performance of an original song commissioned for our Gala, "Come Home: To Inspire," written and performed by Ellen Kolenick and Dean McNeill.

Attendees also had the opportunity to bid on a wide range of fabulous silent and live auction items, sample fine wines and spirits, and dance the night away to the sounds of the Toon Town Big Band later on in the evening.

Our heartfelt thanks to all those sponsors, volunteers, donors and attendees who participated in making this year's Gala an unqualified success!



## Gifts of Securities for Small Charities

Giving appreciated securities to charities can be a great opportunity for donors who want to maximize the value of their charitable gifts while also minimizing the tax burden on themselves. If a donor was to sell the appreciated security first and then make a cash donation, they would have to pay the tax on the value of the capital gain since the security was purchased. When appreciated securities are given to a charity, the donor can avoid paying the tax on that capital gain.

However, the challenge is that the charity must then sell the security for cash, and this requires a brokerage account with a financial institution. While certainly some of the larger charities in our city have brokerage accounts, the majority of smaller organizations would have no sufficient reason to open and maintain one, since large gifts of securities tend to be few and far between. So how can they accept such a gift if the opportunity arises?

The Saskatoon Community Foundation brings donors who care together with the causes that matter most to them. SCF can accept gifts of securities from donors and flow them through to the charities of their choice at no charge. The brokerage will charge some fees, but this would happen with any gift of this sort, even those given directly to SCF! However, SCF provides this service to donors and charities without adding any administrative fees of our own. This enables small charities to receive these gifts without having to maintain a brokerage account that would seldom be used. This is just one small way in which the Saskatoon Community Foundation contributes to “making Saskatoon the best community in which to live.”

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## Will Power Week: The Power of Planning Ahead!

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A current, valid will is very important. Approximately six out of every ten Canadians die without a will. Many assume that their estate will simply pass to their spouse, but this is not always the case. Dying without a will can create many issues for your family, and neither you nor your family will have a say in what happens to your assets. (In fact, decisions about your assets will be made by the provincial government!)

To help the citizens of our community avoid these pitfalls the Saskatoon Community Foundation offered a series of free public seminars on October 8, 9, and 10 in which powers of attorney, health care directives, wills and estate administration, and the advantages of compiling your important information were discussed by experts from leading law firms. In 2013, our guest experts were Tyler Wake of MLT and Roger Arnold of Cuelenaere Kendall. Thanks for your lending us your knowledge!

## 2013 Cornerstone of the Community Award

Established in 2010, The Cornerstone of the Community Award has been developed to honour those whose long service to the community is their legacy. The recipient of the award embodies the Saskatoon Community Foundation's vision of making Saskatoon the best community in which to live.

Previous recipients of the Cornerstone of the Community Award include Howard Stensrud, Harold Empey and Doug Hodson. Each has had a fund created in his name so that his legacy of support for our community will be remembered forever.



## 2013 Recipient: Bob Fawcett

Bob Fawcett was born in Saskatoon and remains deeply committed to our community through volunteerism and philanthropy. He leads by example and models and mentors others to understand what a difference one can make by becoming involved.

Bob exemplifies the spirit of long service to the community. He has volunteered for many decades with his beloved causes, at every level from flipping hamburgers to coaching minor hockey to being Campaign Chair for the United Way in 2009 and Chair of the RUH Foundation's annual Celebrity Golf Tournament for three years.

Bob believes that when you are passionate about something you have to step in and do something about it. When his son was 5, attending an annual meeting for minor hockey very quickly led to Bob becoming a key volunteer and member of the executive. This began a 27 year involvement with hockey as a volunteer and fundraiser.

Bob understands the important role of building bridges and creating a sense of community. He is well known for strengthening community partnerships among business, labour, individuals and the charitable sector through his decade of volunteer leadership with the United Way of Saskatoon. He rose to the Campaign Chair role in 2009, raising \$4.9 Million, the most in its history, and exceeded the goal by \$800,000, the highest percentage increase ever. He was awarded the 2010 WA Milne award by United Way in recognition of this outstanding volunteer commitment.

Bob has been the Chair of the Royal University Hospital Foundation's annual Celebrity Golf Tournament for three years and has engaged volunteers, players, sponsors and donors to continue the legacy of this successful tournaments contribution towards healthcare for patients and their families in Saskatchewan. In 2011, he was honored by B'nai Brith in recognition of his involvement with dozens of local charities, community events and organizations as a volunteer, committee member or coach.

In each role in which he has served, he has shown passion, commitment, energy, caring and good fellowship. Congratulations to Bob Fawcett on receiving the 2013 Cornerstone of the Community Award!



## Scotiabank Helps Raise Awareness for PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Scotiabank staff held a barbecue as part of Rock 102's Show 'n' Shine to encourage the general public to participate in its matching donation to the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala. Until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Scotiabank will match all donations to the Gala made at Saskatoon Scotiabank branches, to a maximum of \$15,000.00. The proceeds from the barbecue will also be donated to the Gala. Saskatoon Community Foundation Board and staff came down to help promote the Gala and our community foundation mission to make Saskatoon the best community in which to live.

*SCF Board Members (L to R):*  
Tom Kishchuk, Zeba Ahmad (Chair),  
Brian Bentley, and Wayne Brownlee.

## Investors Group Raises \$29,704.40!



Investors Group held its annual Golf Tournament on June 13, 2013. This year, Investors raised \$29,704.40, contributing to its endowed fund that will provide support to local charities forever.

Congratulations to Investors Group for its ongoing efforts to support our community!

*Back row (L to R):* Dennis Nieth, Marc Perrault, Tom Reay, Lance Kyle, Curtis Kimpton, Colin Baerg, Jonny Bast, Rod Sigurdson, Tom Brossart, Mike Carey.

*Front row (L to R):* Kevin Dyer, Al McDougall, Lissa Klassen, Tracy Carey, Trevor Forrest (SCF), Waylon Danyluk, Ken Prosser, Kristy Rempel (SCF), Jacquie Yourk, Barney Hjertaas, Brandon Anholt.

## People Are Our Foundation



### Spotlight on Volunteers: Harold Empey

Harold Empey was the recipient of our 2011 Cornerstone of the Community award for his years of volunteerism and service to our community. In particular, Harold has been instrumental in the success of fundraising at Oliver Lodge, and his relationship with that organization continues to bear fruit today. His life has included a long and successful career at Federated Co-operatives Limited and decades of service to the community. His service has won him many awards, yet it continues today.

Since the passing of his beloved wife Betty, Harold has become a passionate advocate for not only estate planning, but also for helping families to understand all of the planning that can ease the process when a loved one passes. This means not only having one's legal and financial affairs in order but also planning for funeral arrangements, eulogies, dealing with family possessions and house contents, banking information, contact lists, passwords, powers of attorney, philanthropic wishes and a myriad of other details that intrude upon a family when someone passes away.

To address these issues, in partnership with the Saskatoon Community Foundation, Harold has developed the "Just in Case" binder. The binder is essentially a workbook that can be filled in with all of these types of information. As well, Harold gives public seminars about how to get the best use of the tool. So far hundreds of people have heard Harold speak, so hundreds of families will benefit from having their affairs in the best possible order when the time comes to deal with a loss.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to commend Harold on his tireless efforts to make Saskatoon the best community in which to live. With volunteers like Harold, we can make it happen!

### Farewell to Brenda Fitzgerald

The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to bid a fond farewell to Brenda Fitzgerald, who served on our Board from 2011 through 2013. Brenda had a long and distinguished career in healthcare, beginning in Newfoundland and Labrador and more recently with positions as CEO of St. Paul's Hospital and Amicus Health Care Inc. in Saskatoon. While a member of the SCF Board, Brenda served as Grants Committee Chair in 2012. She recently moved to Yellowknife to serve as CEO of Stanton Territorial Hospital. We wish her the best in her new endeavour!





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